

August 1, 2018

Marlene H. Dortch, Esq. Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W., Room TW-A325 Washington, DC 20554

RE: Section 63.71 Application of TDS Broadband Service LLC

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Enclosed is a Section 63.71 discontinuance application of TDS Broadband Service LLC. (FRN: 0022516330).

The application seeks Commission approval for the discontinuance of TDS Broadband Service LLC's VoIP Service in the Jal, New Mexico market area. The discontinuance will occur on September 15, 2018.

Please direct questions concerning this Transmittal to me at the contact information below.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosure

Before the FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20554

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In the Matter of)	
Section 63.71 Application of)	WC Docket No.
TDS Broadband Service LLC)	-
For Authority Pursuant to Section 214 of	j	
the Communications Act of 1934,)	
to Discontinue the Provision of VoIP services)	
in the Jal, New Mexico market area	j	

SECTION 63.71 APPLICATION OF TDS Broadband Service LLC

TDS Broadband Service LLC ("Applicant") seeks authorization pursuant to Section 214(a) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. §214(a) and Section 63.71 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.71, to discontinue its provision of VoIP services in the Jal, New Mexico market area.

The Applicant provides the following information pursuant to Section 63.71 of the Commission's Rules:

- 1. <u>Name and Address of the Carrier:</u> TDS Broadband Service LLC, 525 Junction Road, Madison, Wisconsin 53717.
- 2. <u>Date of Planned Service Discontinuance:</u> Applicant plans to discontinue the affected services on September 15, 2018. Applicant understands that this Application will be granted automatically on the 31st day after public notice of its filing unless the Commission notifies Applicant to the contrary.
- 3. <u>Points of Geographic Areas of Service Affected:</u> Applicant proposes to discontinue its offering and provisioning of VoIP services in Jal, New Mexico.
- 4. <u>Description of Service Affected:</u> VoIP service enables real-time, two-way voice communications over a broadband connection.

- 5. <u>Brief Description of the Dates and Methods of Notice to All Affected Customers:</u> Applicant sent a written notification of the planned discontinuance to customers utilizing the services in accordance with Section 63.71 (a) of the Commission's Rules. Customer notifications were sent on August 1, 2018. A copy of the notification is attached to this application.
- 6. <u>Regulatory Classification of Carrier:</u> Applicant is considered non-dominant with respect to the services to be discontinued.
- 7. <u>Other Information:</u> In accordance with Section 63.71(a) of the Commission's Rules, a copy of this application is being mailed concurrently with its filing to the Governor of New Mexico, the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission and the Special Assistant for Telecommunications to the Secretary of Defense. Please direct questions regarding this application to the undersigned.

<u>Conclusion:</u> The public convenience and necessity will not be adversely affected by the discontinuance of the Applicant's VoIP Services in the Jal, New Mexico market area. Advance notice has been provided to all affected customers, giving them ample time to arrange substitute services, which are readily available. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the Commission approve this Section 63.71 application.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Jennifer Heise, do hereby certify that on this 1st day of August 2018, I caused to be served a true and correct copy of the foregoing Section 63.71 Application of TDS Broadband Service LLC via first-class U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, to the following:

Secretary of Defense Attn: Special Assistant for Telecommunications The Pentagon Washington, DC 20301

New Mexico Public Regulation Commission 1120 Paseo De Peralta Santa Fe, NM 87501

Office of the Governor 490 Old Santa Fe Trail #400, Santa Fe, NM 87501

Jennifer R. Heise



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- <Name 1>
- <Name 2>
- <Address>
- <State> <ZIP>

Dear < Name>,

After careful consideration, TDS has decided to discontinue providing Internet, TV and phone services in Jal as of Sept. 15, 2018. This means your TDS service(s) will no longer work after that date.

We encourage you to find a new provider as soon as possible to avoid service interruption.

TDS has notified the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") about this end of service. The FCC will normally authorize this proposed discontinuance of service unless it is shown that customers would be unable to receive service or a reasonable substitute from another carrier or that the public convenience and necessity is otherwise adversely affected. If you wish to object, you should file your comments as soon as possible, but no later than 15 days after the FCC releases public notice of the proposed discontinuance. You may file your comments electronically through the FCC's Electronic Comment Filing System using the docket number established in the FCC's public notice for this proceeding, or you may address them to the Federal Communications Commission, Wireline Competition Bureau, Competition Policy Division, 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20554, and include in your comments a reference to the §63.71 Application of TDS Broadband Service LLC. Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuance upon you or your company, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service.

Take note of the following important information:

- Your TDS email address will no longer work as of Sept. 15. Forward important emails to another address, and inform contacts your TDS address will no longer work.
- You can keep your TDS phone number. Ask your new provider for details.
- You need to return TDS equipment including set-top boxes, remote controls, and modems. Please drop off equipment at our Hobbs office (2827 N. Dal Paso, 8am-5pm) or call 1-877-422-5282 to request an equipment-return box.
- Your final bill will be adjusted to reflect end-of-service on Sept. 15, or the date you cancel service and/or choose another provider.

Thank you for being our customer. It has been a pleasure serving you.

Sincerely,

The TDS Team

PS: Return your TDS equipment to our Hobbs office, 8am-5pm. To request an equipment-return box be sent to your address, call 1-877-422-5282. Failure to return equipment may result in fees applied to your account.